The services in the Tabernacle on Suuday aftenoon, were commenced by the choir singing the hymn:

Lord, we come before Thee now, At Thy feet we humbly bow.

Prayer by Bishop John Tingey

Choir sang another hymn: Oh, my Father thou that dwellest, In that high and glorious place. The Sacrament was then administered by the priesthood of the Eleventh Ward. President Ceo. Q. Cannon, after reading the first fourteen verses of the 24th chapter of the gospel according to St Matthew, said: I have read a portion of chief the soldier of the managers exclude the soldier. Matthew, said: I have read a portion of this chapter to call your attention to the predictions of the Son of God con-say an enlisted man in uniform cannot this chapter to call your attention to the predictions of the Son of God concerning the last days and the circumstances that should surround this people at His second coming. Great desires have been manifested by the people of this world to know and understand the this world to know and understand the this world to know and understand the that you cannot judge a man by the clothes that he wears, the ones who thus ignore us and time and events of His second coming.

Some have gone so far as to predict the exact date, but revelation tells us that the hour and the day of His coming no man knoweth. We are, however, asno man knoweth. We are, however, assured that the hour of His judgment is Now, if I go to the rink in citizen's dress. at hand. For the last fifty-four years the I can have a pleasant time, but when I Elders of this church have been commanded to testify to the children of show to all that I have sworn to aid in men and prepare them for the coming the execution of the laws of the land, I of our Lord and Saviour. I have called upon the people to gather out unto this land, that they may fully qualify themselves in readiness for His perfect gentlemen in the file of the qualify themselves in readiness for His perfect gentlemen in the file of the appearance. We have been told that Sixth Infantry. appearance. We have been told that the hour is near at hand, and received evidences in the fulfillment of many predictions, which were promised should happen before the end should come. The restoration of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, in all its fullness, is one great evidence. That gospel is to be preached to all the world and to every man in his own tongue. The signs and gifts among the believers is another evidence, promised to follow obedience to the gospel; and of these gifts you are a host of living witnesses. Representatives of many and afar off nations, are present here this afternoon, Representatives of many and afar off nations, are pre-ent here this afternoon,

who have received a testimony not given by man, but sy the living and Eternal God. The spirit that burned within you, prompted you to gather unto this land, and leave the homes of your forefathers, with all the associations of kindred and friends. And thus is God fulfilling His promises and varieties. fulfilling His promises and predictions. Another fulfillment of the scriptures I have read, is that, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and 'ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Arenot those who oppose us doing this to-day? Inose who oppose us doing this to-day? Notwithstanding we are, in all our settlements, enlicavoring to live in peace, love and quietude, and setting examples of parity, vet our enemies continue to persecute us. In and of ourselves we have no need of lawyers to attend to litigation. The laws of God seek to avoid all strife and contention. If no pages blasshers, ourselvers. tion. D un onness, blasphemy, quarreing, adultery, seductions, Sabbath-breaking, etc., are not known among true Latter-day-Saints. We are far from being perfect, nevertheless we enjoy an immunity from sin, which is unparalleled in any other community, of our circumstances, upon the face of this earth. And yet we are persecuted, hated, and despised by every nation. The hatred that exists towards us is remarkable, and yet it was one of the most striking evidences of the trath of

most striking evidences of the trath of that which we believe in. It is not for our wickedness. Oh no, our bitterest enemies are those who will acknowledge our honesty and integrity. We are training up our children in the fear of God and in the faith of the true gospel and this is the head of our offending. It is not because we oppress and destroy wives, whom we have married in right-eousness. It is because we make religion of our association with the opposite sex, that we are persecuted. I have been told this by members of Congress. We are endeavoring to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and, as He promised, are hated of all men for Who our insignificance in number would lead us to pass pratically unnoticed by the rest of the world, were

it not for the fact that we are endeavor

ing to serve the true and living God. When we crossed the sterile plains and When we crossed the sterile plains and came to Utah, we hoped to come here to live in peace and quietness. Sending our missionaries abroad to warn the people and extend to them the blessings of the gospel, has been the extent of our wrong doing. A holy desire to benefit our fellow man, to do good to all, that they might be blessed with us. Such endeavors should entitle us to be left alone in peace, to enjoy our faith and religion. Not so, the same rentless persecution followed as across the persecution followed as across the plains, and has sought to destroy us, and deprive as of our liberties. I do not wish to harrow up your feelings, but only to call your attention, to the fact that we are enduring that which God has promised should be the lot of all those who serve Him. What we need, is the grace of our Father that we may endure in patience the persecu-tions that are brought to bear against

is, in endeavoring to do the will of God. as, in endeavoring to do the will of God.
The laws and purposes of God cannot be changed: His truths are imperishable; and He has said that His work shall stand forever. All the opposition it experiences will only accelerate its progress. Shame and ignominy will overcome those who oppose it. We have had many instances of this, of men who have fought against this work, and then passed down into oblision.
There is only one thing that can injure There is only one thing that can injure us, and that is our own sins. No one, at ourselves can prevent us from obtaining sulvation. There are some practices being indulged in amongst us, that will condemn those who indulge in and permit them. Sabbath breaking, drankenness, formication and blasphemy, cannot be connenanced by the Saints of God. It is the duty of the bishops and prie-thood to cleanse and will live pure and holy lives we can afford to have evil said of us, and to have the wicked persecute us.

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